

<p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>To Commissioner For Patents</p> <p>Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.</p>	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>09/663,315</b>
	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 15, 2000</b>
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	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	<b>PHD 99175US</b>
	<b>Conf. No.</b>	<b>2350</b>

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ **Previously submitted**

i. ☒ **Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 19, 2006.**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ **Enclosed**

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (may not be a brief)

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

a. ☒ **The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.**

<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>			
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